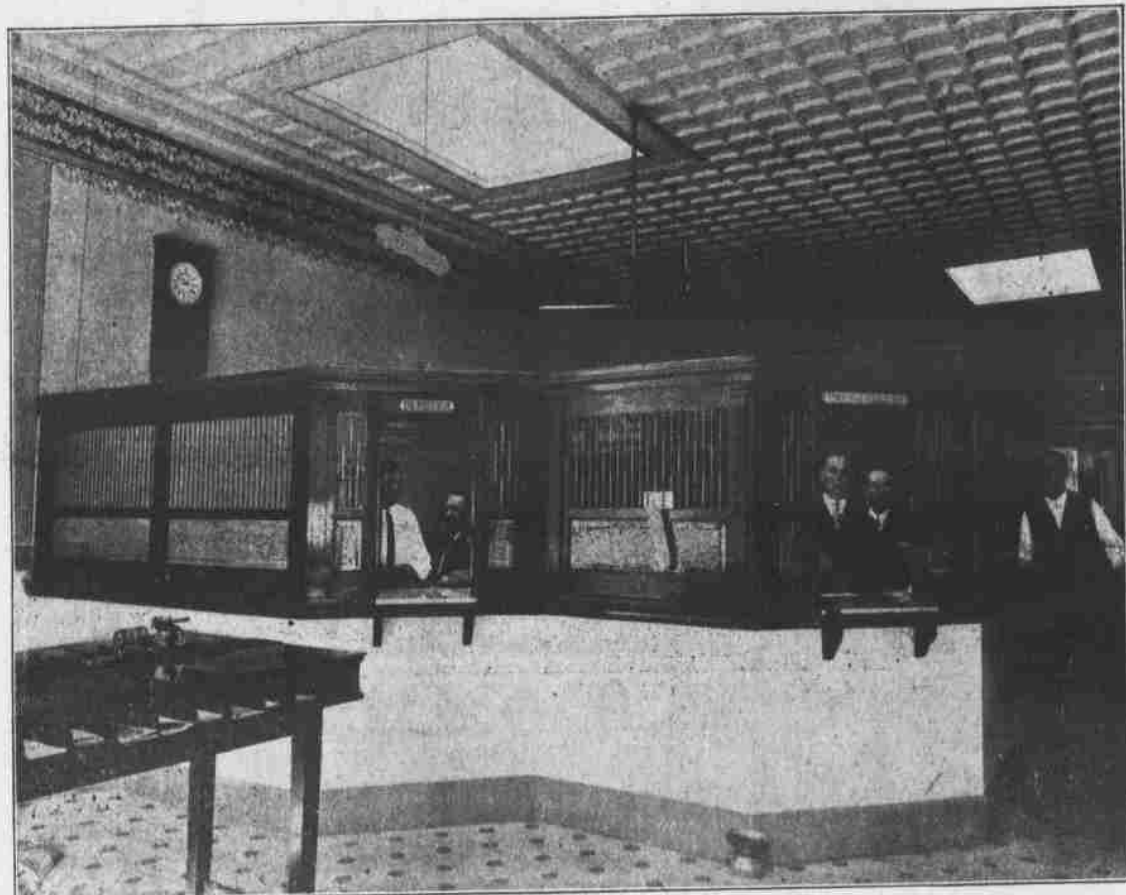


# Martin, the Metropolis of Weakley County

Martin, Weakley county, Tenn., is the largest town in the county having about 3,000 population. The city has an ample system of electric lights and water-works, paved streets and sidewalks, the N., C. & St. L. and Illinois Central railroads, a sewer system, broad school and church facilities, splendid business blocks and advanced social circles. Martin is not an old town, but its growth indicates that it will assuredly be a winner by the time it does get old. There is much to be said for Martin and its splendid and progressive business men. Martinites go after things they want with an aggressiveness that usually wins. They don't talk much after they make up their minds in Martin. They go after what they want tooth and nail and the big, growing and splendid town shows the effects. Martin has a particularly live and energetic set of business men. They are not afraid to spend money if they want something. Of course they will never be satisfied and they never expect to be. Men who build cities are never satisfied. If they were there would be no cities. The bent of Martin people toward education is shown by the splendid McFerrin College, Hall-Moody Institute and the high school. Church life is equally flourishing and vigorous. Martin is surrounded by a magnificent farming country and its progressive merchants have most carefully and properly looked after the farmer's interests. Martin is noted for its beautiful homes, street after street being dotted with splendid and modern residences. Social circles are established and active and the upward trend of the town indicates larger development along all lines.

## The City National Bank, Martin.



Although but six years of age, the City National Bank of Martin has a record for broad and exceptional achievements. The expansion of the institution has been rapid and it has firmly held every inch that it gained at any time. In fact, the air of permanency about the entire operation of the institution has been manifest from the day the house opened its doors for business.

The capital stock of this bank is \$50,000; surplus, \$10,000; undivided profits, \$2,898.99; deposits, \$126,108.47, and total resources, \$239,050.98. This splendid and unusual showing has all been made in six years and indicates the firm hands and clear heads of men of broad ability and fitness for their profession. Numbered among the ablest and most progressive men of Weakley county, the officers and directors are all men who have brought prestige to the institution. The

officers are T. M. Ryan, president; W. B. Gibbs, vice-president; Geo. P. Hurt, cashier, and Joe C. Oliver, assistant cashier. J. M. Gardner is bookkeeper. Mr. Hurt, the cashier, is one of the able and trained bankers of this section of the State.

The City National Bank is the only national bank in Weakley county. It has from the beginning stayed in the closest touch with its patrons and been alive to all of their needs. The friendly, sociable, neighborly attitude of the management has made friends for the bank on every hand. The liberal, broad-gauge but safe and business-like methods of the institution have also inspired confidence and endorsement all over the field of the bank's operations. The bank stands among the strongest, most successful and most promising in this section of the State.

### DR. T. H. GAINES.

Every man or woman has their usefulness impaired in direct proportion to the degree that their eyesight is impaired. And no ailment in the human calendar has so little excuse for its continued existence. Optical science has advanced miles ahead of almost every other agency having the care of bodily functions for its objective view.

Dr. T. H. Gaines of Martin, one of the most widely known manufacturing opticians in this section of the State, has been giving the public a class of professional service here for four years that has resulted in both widespread satisfaction and gratification to patients. Dr. Gaines has followed his profession continuously for 35 years. He holds two diplomas in the Optical College of New York and is one of the most substantial authorities in the State on optical disturbances and their treatment. A widely established reputation for professional integrity is among Dr. Gaines' valuable assets. He makes an accurate diagnosis of patients' eyes and makes any recommendation that his thorough professional training suggests. If glasses are needed he fits them properly. If the case requires treatment from some other source he frankly says so and advises the patient accordingly.

Dr. Gaines' laboratory is fitted with modern and costly optical equipment, including an automatic stone for grinding lenses, a machine for making prisms, spheres, complex lenses, an ophthalmoscope, a medimeter and other appliances of the most approved design.

No sufferer need to go to the high priced opticians in the big cities. He or she has Dr. Gaines' 35 years of successful experience and his complete laboratory at their disposal right here at home. Only the willfully careless person will neglect the eyes—their greatest asset—when aid can be received so quickly and cheaply. Dr. Gaines stands among the strongest professional figures described in this big issue of The Enterprise.

### McDONALD & MILES.

One of the handsomest business establishments in the county, as well as one of the most complete and high-class hardware stores in its field, is the fine house of McDonald & Miles of Martin.

This hardware store was established last February and so rapidly has its business expanded that it already stands among the most dependable trade centers of its field. This firm buys the best goods it can get for its patrons. All that is standard in shelf and heavy hardware is carried. A full line of stoves and ranges, also Quick Meal oil stoves. Robeson cutlery is a feature of the stock, which also includes a big line of granite ware, tinware, glassware and aluminum goods.

McDonald & Miles do tinwork and scientific plumbing in all of its branches. Mr. Tobe McDonald is one of the most skilled plumbers and tanners in this section, while Mr. G. G. Miles is one of the most progressive and widely known young business men of the community.

The big specialty of the McDonald & Miles establishment is the installing of hot air furnaces, the famous and dependable Round Oak furnace being used. This splendid furnace heats all of the rooms evenly, saves money in fuel and does something no stove does—ventilates the house with fresh air. This furnace is one of the very finest single investments that could be put in any home or business house. They are clean, healthful and save money at the same time. Deep well pumps and underground water systems are installed, admittedly one of the greatest luxuries and labor savers of the country home. Well buckets, flues, tanks, troughs and ice boxes are manufactured.

Gas engines, Warren's paints, harness, screen wire, refrigerators, water coolers and other articles for the home and farm all go to make the McDonald & Miles store a headquarters for quality and completeness. The house stands among the strongest institutions described in this big number.

### THE MARTIN BANK.

For 28 years the Martin Bank has stood as one of the potent, forceful and useful factors in the development of its field. The oldest bank in the county, the Martin Bank has at all times sustained the best traditions of its calling. This institution has made for itself a broad success while it was giving good service to the public. It is very likely that the men back of the operations of the bank have been the chief instrument in its fine and permanent expansion. All drawn from the most substantial citizenship of the community, each man would bring prestige to any line of business with which he might become identified.

The officers are: G. E. Bowden, president; J. M. Gardner, vice-president; T. J. Taylor, cashier, and H. J. Ramer, assistant cashier. Mr. Taylor, who is in executive charge of the bank's business, has been identified with the conduct of the institution for 25 years and is one of the skilled and able bankers of this part of the State. The full board of directors is composed of G. E. Bowden, E. F. Clemons, J. M. Martin, Frank Smith, C. M. Martin, J. M. Mohan, J. M. Gardner, T. J. Taylor and H. C. Lawler.

Always liberal with its patrons, the management of the Martin Bank has yet adhered closely to the ethical standards that mark safe banking, and as a result has gained and held the solid endorsement of the public. This bank is notable for the social atmosphere of the premises. There is no formality and patrons in both town and country always feel at home when they call, whether they have business with the bank or not. Particularly is the bank in close and sympathetic touch with its farmer friends.

The capital stock of the Martin Bank is \$85,000; surplus and profits, \$22,408.30; deposits, \$153,427.13 and total resources \$260,835.43. This unusual showing is proof of able business methods and mature supervision on the part of the management. The bank has always been one of the financial mainstays of its field and one of the leaders in developing and encouraging the growth of the resources of its territory.

The Martin Bank has had a long, honorable and prosperous past, with a future before it in which is held the promise and assurance of larger achievements in coming years.

### HALL-MOODY INSTITUTE.

At less than 14 years of age, the Hall-Moody Institute stands among the most solid, vigorous and successful of its class in the country. The first three years of its existence showed an average attendance of 150 pupils. The last six years has shown an average attendance of 504. The buildings, grounds and equipment represent \$40,000 in value. Attracted by its splendid reputation and ample facilities, students from 18 different States and two foreign countries have come to Hall-Moody. This school in its attitude differs materially from many of the well-known colleges. It tolerates no social class distinctions, no hazing and no match games. While liberal and proper allowance is made for healthy and necessary recreation, the fact remains that the work of the school is serious. The rules of the institute are reasonable, strict and absolutely impartial. Poor pupils and rich pupils alike leave their respective troubles and triumphs outside the threshold of Hall-Moody. The school has but one plane of democracy. All are treated with the same consideration and all are amenable to the same discipline.

The departments at Hall-Moody Institute are Literary, Theological, Teachers', Music, Expression and Commercial. The work of the school is practical to a degree. Thoroughness is manifest in every department.

At the head of this institute is President H. E. Watters, one of the strong figures in the college life of the State. Combining executive ability of a high order with broad scholastic attainments, Mr. Watters has been signally successful in bringing Hall-Moody up to its superb position among the fine schools of Tennessee. The admirable system in every department, the able and well-balanced faculty and the completeness of appointments all contribute to the school's common end—the sending forth of young men and women to effectively and intelligently meet the real problems of a world of which the school work itself is but the prelude.

### Mayor A. B. Adams.



Few young professional men of Weakley county are better known than Mr. A. B. Adams of Martin, who has followed the practice of law here for the past three years and who was elected mayor of the city of Martin in June.

Mr. Adams was born and reared in this county and is a graduate of the law department of Cumberland University at Lebanon, Tenn. A close student, a forceful speaker, temperamentally adapted to his profession and of unswerving loyalty to the interests of his clients, Mr. Adams has rapidly built up a flourishing law practice and established himself before the different courts as an able, consistent and thoroughly equipped practitioner. An evidence of his high personal standing in his home town is shown by Mr. Adams' election as mayor last June, while last year served as city attorney. A large amount of work of importance to Martin has been mapped out for the new administration. A new motor fire apparatus and other measures are under consideration, and with the new mayor's intimate knowledge of the city's needs and the co-operation of his colleagues, it is practically certain that results will follow.

Mr. Adams is one of the strong professional figures of his field and one of the prominent citizens and business men described in this large edition.

### MARTIN OVERALL AND GLOVE FACTORY.

One of the most substantial industrial institutions of this section of the State is the Martin Overall and Glove Factory. This enterprise was established in 1911, has a capital stock of \$25,000 and a capacity of 100 dozen overalls a week. From 18 to 22 skilled employees are kept busy in the factory.

The product of the above establishment has a wide reputation for quality and finish. Made strictly on honor, from equally good materials, the pants, jumpers and gloves made by this company have forced their way to the front in the face of the strongest opposition of the big city factories. People have become partial to the goods of this factory over those made by other houses, especially the Woodmen Brand overalls and jumpers. Each month is a month of growth with the house with new ground gained and firmly held. The goods from this factory are sold over the States of Alabama, Kentucky, Tennessee and South Carolina. The finest of equipment is used and a model small factory organization is maintained. Four trained salesmen are kept on road and a steady expansion of the trade is served.

The officers of this company are: S. H. president; J. O. Smalley, vice-president, and Edwards, general manager and secretary. P. Hurt is treasurer. The directors are Ryan, G. P. Hurt, S. H. Hall, J. D. Hall and O. Smalley.

The Martin Overall and Glove Factory of the useful and valuable trade factory field. It has materially advertised its distant fields. The men back of its operations are among the ablest business men of this of the State. The institution is making substantial success and it has a future that still larger things for the house.